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***Session #12***

**FOCUS ON THE  
TRIBULATION  
PERIOD**

**WHAT ARE THE MAIN EVENTS  
IN HEAVEN JUST PRIOR TO THE TRIBULATION ?**

**WHAT ARE THE MAIN EVENTS  
ON EARTH DURING THE TRIBULATION ?**

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**WHAT ARE THE MAIN EVENTS  
IN HEAVEN JUST PRIOR TO THE TRIBULATION ?**

**#1 GOD ON HIS THRONE**

**#2 CHRISTIANS CASTING THEIR CROWNS AT HIS FEET**

Rev 4:10-11 NKJV

<sup>10</sup>- the TWENTY-FOUR ELDERS FALL DOWN BEFORE HIM who sits on the throne and WORSHIP HIM who lives forever and ever, and CAST THEIR CROWNS BEFORE THE THRONE, saying: <sup>11</sup>- "YOU ARE WORTHY, O LORD, To receive glory and honor and power; For YOU CREATED ALL THINGS, And by YOUR WILL they EXIST and were CREATED."

**24 ELDERS = ALL THE REDEEMED CHURCH**

**#3 GOD HOLDING A SCROLL IN HIS RIGHT HAND**

Rev 5:1 NKJV

And I saw in the RIGHT HAND of HIM who sat on the throne a SCROLL written inside and on the back, SEALED with SEVEN SEALS.

Ezek 2:9-10 NIV

<sup>9</sup> Then I looked, and I saw a hand stretched out to me. In it was a SCROLL, <sup>10</sup> which he unrolled before me. On both sides of it were written words of LAMENT and MOURNING and WOE.

**SCROLL = BOOK = GOD'S JUDGMENT - JUSTICE - GOD'S FOREORDAINED PURPOSE  
LAMENTATIONS**

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**#4 A CALL TO OPEN THE SEAL**

Rev 5:2-5 NKJV

**2 Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "WHO IS WORTHY TO OPEN THE SCROLL AND TO LOOSE ITS SEALS?" 3 And NO ONE in HEAVEN or on the EARTH or UNDER THE EARTH was ABLE TO OPEN THE SCROLL, or to LOOK AT IT. 4 So I wept much, because NO ONE WAS FOUND WORTHY to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. 5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH, THE ROOT OF DAVID, HAS PREVAILED TO OPEN THE SCROLL and to LOOSE ITS SEVEN SEALS."**

**#5 WORTHY IS THE LAMB**

Rev 5:6-7 NKJV

**6 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. 7 Then HE CAME AND TOOK THE SCROLL OUT OF THE RIGHT HAND OF HIM WHO SAT ON THE THRONE.**

**AND THE JUDGMENT OF GOD AGAINST HUMANITY**

**BEGINS ON EARTH**

## **WHAT ARE THE MAIN EVENTS ON EARTH DURING THE TRIBULATION ?**

**THE DESCRIPTION OF THE TRIBULATION IS GIVEN IN  
REVELATION 6-19 = 14 ACTION PACKED CHAPTERS**

### **THE MAIN FOCUS THROUGH THIS PERIOD IS GOD'S JUDGMENT**

Dan 12:1 NIV

**1- "At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. THERE WILL BE A TIME OF DISTRESS SUCH AS HAS NOT HAPPENED FROM THE BEGINNING OF NATIONS UNTIL THEN. But at that time your people-EVERYONE WHOSE NAME IS FOUND WRITTEN IN THE BOOK - WILL BE DELIVERED.**

### **THE BIBLE DESCRIBES THIS PERIOD AS A WOMAN GOING THROUGH BIRTH PAINS**

Jer 30:4-7 NLT

**4 This is THE MESSAGE THE LORD GAVE concerning Israel and Judah.  
5 This is what the LORD says: "I HEAR CRIES OF FEAR; there is TERROR AND NO PEACE.  
6 Now let me ask you a question: Do men give birth to babies? Then why do they stand there, ASHEN-FACED, hands pressed against their sides like a woman in labor?  
7 IN ALL HISTORY THERE HAS NEVER BEEN SUCH A TIME OF TERROR. It will be a time of trouble for my people Israel. YET IN THE END THEY WILL BE SAVED!**

Matt 24:8 NIV (*Jesus Said*)

**All these are the BEGINNING of BIRTH PAINS.**

1 Thess 5:3 NIV

**While people are saying, "Peace and safety," DESTRUCTION WILL COME ON THEM SUDDENLY, as LABOR PAINS ON A PREGNANT WOMAN, and they will NOT ESCAPE.**

**THE JUDGMENT AND WRATH OF GOD**  
**WILL BE**  
**POURED OUT IN THREE SUCCESSIVE WAVES**

**THE SEVEN SEALS** - WILL BE **OPENED** DURING THE **FIRST HALF**  
OF THE **TRIBULATION**

**THE SEVEN TRUMPETS** - WILL BE **BLOWN** DURING THE **SECOND**  
**HALF** OF THE **TRIBULATION**

**THE SEVEN BOWLS** - WILL BE **POURED OUT** IN A **BRIEF PERIOD**  
OF TIME **JUST** BEFORE **CHRIST'S RETURN**

**[SEQUENCE OF JUDGMENTS GRAFT]**

## **THE SEVEN SEALS**

### **THE INITIAL OUTPOURING OF GOD'S WRATH**

<b>SEAL</b>	<b>SYMBOL</b>	<b>MEANING</b>	<b>REVELATION</b>
<b>First Seal</b>	<b>White Horse</b>	<b>Antichrist</b>	<b>6:1-2</b>

#### **First Seal: Antichrist The Conqueror**

Rev 6:1-2 NKJV

Now I saw when **THE LAMB OPENED** one of the **SEALS**; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a **VOICE LIKE THUNDER**, "Come and see."  
<sup>2</sup> And I looked, and behold, a **WHITE HORSE**. He who sat on it had a **BOW**; and a **CROWN WAS GIVEN TO HIM**, and he went out **CONQUERING** and to **CONQUER**.

<b>SEAL</b>	<b>SYMBOL</b>	<b>MEANING</b>	<b>REVELATION</b>
<b>Second Seal</b>	<b>Red Horse</b>	<b>War</b>	<b>6:3-4</b>

#### **Second Seal: War on Earth**

Rev 6:3-4 NKJV

<sup>3</sup> When **He** opened the **SECOND SEAL**, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see."  
<sup>4</sup> Another horse, **FIERY RED**, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to **TAKE PEACE FROM THE EARTH**, and that **PEOPLE SHOULD KILL ONE ANOTHER**; and there was given to him a **GREAT SWORD**.

<b>SEAL</b>	<b>SYMBOL</b>	<b>MEANING</b>	<b>REVELATION</b>
<b>Third Seal</b>	<b>Black Horse</b>	<b>Famine</b>	<b>6:5-6</b>

#### **Third Seal: Famine on Earth**

Rev 6:5-6 NKJV

<sup>5</sup> When **He** opened the **THIRD SEAL**, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a **BLACK HORSE**, and he who sat on it had a **PAIR OF SCALES** in his hand. <sup>6</sup> And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "**A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius**; and do not harm the oil and the wine."

**THE SEVEN SEALS**  
**THE INITIAL OUTPOURING OF GOD'S WRATH**

<b>SEAL</b>	<b>SYMBOL</b>	<b>MEANING</b>	<b>REVELATION</b>
<i>Fourth Seal</i>	<i>Pale Horse</i>	<i>Death and Hell</i>	<i>6:7-8</i>

**Fourth Seal: Death and Hell**

Rev 6:7-8 NKJV

<sup>7</sup> When He opened the **FOURTH SEAL**, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see." <sup>8</sup> So I looked, and behold, a **PALE HORSE**. And the name of him who sat on it was **DEATH**, and **HADES** followed with him. And **POWER WAS GIVEN** to them over a **FOURTH OF THE EARTH**, to **KILL WITH SWORD**, with **HUNGER**, with **DEATH**, and by the **BEASTS OF THE EARTH**.

<b>SEAL</b>	<b>SYMBOL</b>	<b>MEANING</b>	<b>REVELATION</b>
<i>Fifth Seal</i>	—	<i>Martyrs in Heaven</i>	<i>6:9-11</i>

**Fifth Seal: The Cry of the Martyrs**

Rev 6:9-11 NKJV

<sup>9</sup> When He opened the **FIFTH SEAL**, I saw **UNDER THE ALTAR** the **SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAD BEEN SLAIN FOR THE WORD OF GOD AND FOR THE TESTIMONY** which they held. <sup>10</sup> And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" <sup>11</sup> Then a **WHITE ROBE** was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should **rest a little while longer**, until both **THE NUMBER OF THEIR FELLOW SERVANTS** and their brethren, **WHO WOULD BE KILLED** as they were, was **COMPLETED**.

**THE SEVEN SEALS**  
**THE INITIAL OUTPOURING OF GOD'S WRATH**

<b>SEAL</b>	<b>SYMBOL</b>	<b>MEANING</b>	<b>REVELATION</b>
<i>Sixth Seal</i>	—	<i>Universal upheaval</i>	<b>6:12-17</b>

**SIXTH SEAL: COSMIC DISTURBANCES**

Rev 6:12-17 NKJV

<sup>12</sup> I looked when He opened the **SIXTH SEAL**, and behold,\* there was a **GREAT EARTHQUAKE**; and the **SUN BECAME BLACK** as sackcloth of hair, and the **MOON BECAME LIKE BLOOD**. <sup>13</sup> And the **STARS OF HEAVEN FELL TO THE EARTH**, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. <sup>14</sup> Then the **SKY RECEDED AS A SCROLL** when it is rolled up, and **EVERY MOUNTAIN AND ISLAND WAS MOVED OUT OF ITS PLACE**. <sup>15</sup> And the **KINGS** of the earth, the **GREAT MEN**, the **RICH MEN**, the **COMMANDERS**, the **MIGHTY MEN**, every **SLAVE** and every **FREE MAN**, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, <sup>16</sup> and said to the mountains and rocks, **"FALL ON US AND HIDE US FROM THE FACE OF HIM WHO SITS ON THE THRONE AND FROM THE WRATH OF THE LAMB!"** <sup>17</sup> For **THE GREAT DAY OF HIS WRATH HAS COME**, and **WHO IS ABLE TO STAND?"**



**THE SEVEN SEALS**  
**THE INITIAL OUTPOURING OF GOD'S WRATH**

<b>SEAL</b>	<b>SYMBOL</b>	<b>MEANING</b>	<b>REVELATION</b>
<b>Seventh Seal</b>	<b>Seven trumpets</b>	<b>New wave of judgment</b>	<b>8:1-6</b>

**Seventh Seal: BEGINNING THE NEXT WAVE OF JUDGMENT**

Rev 8:1-6 NKJV

When He opened the **SEVENTH SEAL**, there was **SILENCE IN HEAVEN** for about half an hour. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets. <sup>3</sup> Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. <sup>4</sup> And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. <sup>5</sup> Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and **THREW IT TO THE EARTH**. And there were **NOISES**, **THUNDERINGS**, **LIGHTNINGS**, and an **EARTHQUAKE**. <sup>6</sup> So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets **PREPARED THEMSELVES TO SOUND**.

**THE SEVEN TRUMPETS JUDGMENT**